

Compound Subjects and Predicates

Combining short, related sentences into longer sentences is valuable practice for improving your writing style. Writers can combine short sentences using coordinating conjunctions. This can result in a sentence with either a **compound subject** (two or more simple subjects) or a **compound predicate** (two or more simple predicates) or both. (For more information about compound subjects and compound predicates, see 744.4 and 746.6 in *Texas Write Source*.)



Examples

Compound Subject:

Golf and writing are just two of Jack Nicklaus' talents.

Compound Predicate:

Jack Nicklaus went to Ohio State University and played in the Professional Golf Association.

Compound Subject and Compound Predicate:

Jack and Ken Bowden co-wrote books and published their work.

Directions

In the following sentences, underline simple subjects with one line and simple predicates with two lines. Remember that some sentences have only a compound subject, some have only a compound predicate, and some have both. The first one has been done for you.

1. Jack Nicklaus won the U. S. Amateur championship and set a record for an amateur in the U. S. Open in 1961.
2. Keenan and Angelica watched a movie about Nicklaus and wished they could see him in person.
3. Jack and golf course architect Pete Dye worked together to design several golf courses.

4. Jack Nicklaus was named PGA Player of the Year five times and was elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame.
5. Jack and his wife had five children.
6. Nicklaus designed Muirfield Village Golf Course and wrote several books.
7. *Golf My Way*, *Nicklaus by Design*, and *The Full Swing* are just a few of the books written by Jack Nicklaus.
8. Nicklaus founded and owns Nicklaus Golf Equipment.
9. Nicklaus, his four sons, and his son-in-law have a partnership for designing and building golf courses.
10. Nicklaus and fellow golfer Annika Sorenstam helped to bring golf to the Olympics in 2016 and 2020.

Next Step Using the Internet or other sources, research a sports or entertainment figure. Write a paragraph or two about your findings using some compound subjects and compound predicates. Share your writing with a classmate and ask him or her to check for complete sentences and proper use of compound subjects and predicates.